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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1954

CRANBROOK RURAL DISTRICT.

HEALTH COMMITTEE.

(Constitution at 31st December, 1954).

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Cranbrook Rural District Council.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1954. The report is prepared on the lines indicated in the Ministry of Health Circular No. 28/54 dated the 15th December, 1954.

The Crude Birth Rate was 13.2 per thousand of the population and this rate corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution in the country as a whole was 13.7, as compared with 15.0 in 1953. The Birth Rate for England and Wales was 15.2.

There was an increase in the total number of deaths compared with the previous year and the Crude Death Rate was 10.8 per thousand of the population. This rate corrected for comparability in age and sex distribution in the country as a whole was 9.0, as compared with 8.5 in 1953. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.3.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the year was exceptionally low, being 15.2 compared with 19.0 in 1953. The corresponding figure for England and Wales was 25.5.

Tuberculosis.

The number of new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the preceding ten years is as follows:-

Year	No.	Year	No.
1945	9	1950	9
1946	12	1951	8
1947	16	1952	10
1948	4	1953	4
1949	6	1954	11

While the death rate from this disease happily continues to fall the number of new pulmonary cases notified does not show a corresponding decrease. Only the early diagnosis of the infectious patient will prevent the spread of the disease and all members of the public are therefore advised to visit the Mass Miniature X-ray Unit when it is in the neighbourhood.

The Tuberculosis Death Rate for 1954 was 0.07 as compared with 0.14 in the two preceding years.

Infectious Disease.

The number of infectious diseases notified during the year was

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one hundred and seventy seven as compared with five hundred and nine in 1953. From the table on page 10 it will be seen that the decrease was due to a sharp decline in the incidence of Measles. Whooping Cough accounted for one hundred and thirty-nine of the total number of infectious diseases notified. This showed an increase of thirty-five over the Whooping Cough notifications of the previous year. No deaths were recorded. Only one case of Measles was notified.

The incidence of infectious disease reported from the Hop Pickers' Camps was negligible.

Dysentery.

Sixteen cases were notified during the year. All but one occurred in the earlier months of the year and were the decline of an outbreak in the previous autumn.

Food Poisoning.

Only one case of illness caused by Food Poisoning organisms was reported during the year.

Poliomyelitis.

One mild case occurred in a child during the month of November.

Scarlet Fever.

Ten cases were notified during the year compared with forty-eight in 1953.

Pneumonia.

Nine cases were notified during the year, of which four occurred in the older age groups. This was the only infectious disease which caused any mortality, seven deaths being attributed to the various types of Pneumonia.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

During the year the number of inoculations given at the welfare clinics and by doctors in the district was two hundred and sixty-one primary and one hundred and fifty-six re-inforcing. Corresponding figures for 1953 were one hundred and eighty-five and four hundred and ninety-four respectively. No case of Diphtheria was notified during the year. I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the figures supplied in Tables Nos. 8 and 9 on page 15.

Vaccination.

One hundred and forty-nine persons were vaccinated and thirteen were re-vaccinated. During 1953 the figures were one hundred and fifty-

seven and nineteen respectively. The number of children under the age of two who were vaccinated was one hundred and thirty-seven. The County Medical Officer also supplied the figures shewn in Table No. 10 on page 16.

Throughout the past year the statistics of the rural district have proved very satisfactory.

I am indebted to Mr. G. Longley, Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector, for the preparation of the statistics shewn in pages 19 to 31 of this Report and for his comments, which give some idea of the many and varied duties undertaken by the Sanitary Inspecting staff.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Chief Officers of the Council and the members of the Health Committee for their interest in the working of the Department and for their co-operation at all times during the year. My thanks are also due to the members of the staff of the Health Department for their loyal assistance during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. A. CROWLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SUMMARY AND GENERAL STATISTICS AND PHYSICAL FEATURES.

AREA: 41,315 Acres.

POPULATION: 15,020 (R.G's. Estimate 1954) -
13,788 (R.G's. Census figure 1951)

DENSITY OF POPULATION: i.e., number of persons per acre: 2.8

NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES: 4,389

NUMBER OF PERSONS PER INHABITED HOUSE: 3.4

RATEABLE VALUE: £85,465

SUM PRODUCED BY A PENNY RATE 1953/54: £333

BIRTHS.

Live Births (Registered):	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	176	82	94
Illegitimate	22	14	8
	198		

Corrected Birth Rate: 13.7

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population: 13.2

Corresponding rate for 1953: 14.4

Live Birth Rate for England and Wales: 15.2

Stillbirths	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	1	-	1
	2		

Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 births: 10.1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 Civilian population: 0.13
Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales: 23.4

DEATHS.

Males: 59 Females: 103 Total: 162

Standardised Death Rate: 9.0

Crude Death Rate per thousand of population: 10.8

Correspondence rate for 1953: 10.2

Death Rate for England and Wales: 11.3

Number of women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth .. .. .. Nil

Maternal mortality per 1,000 total registered births.. .. .. 0.0

Total number of deaths from:-

	1953	1954
Cancer (all ages)	24	25
Measles (all ages)	-	-
Whooping Cough (all ages) ..	-	-

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

Deaths of infants under one year of age:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	3	2	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Deaths of infants under one year of age per 1,000 live births: 15.2 (1953: 19.0)

Infant Mortality for England and Wales: 25.5

Table No. 1.

TABLE SHOWING SUMMARY OF CAUSES OF DEATHS DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1954.

No.	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	1	-	1
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8	Measles	-	-	-
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	-	-	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
11	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	2	6
12	Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	4	4
13	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	5	8	13
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	1	1
16	Diabetes	-	-	-
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	17	24
18	Coronary disease, angina	11	6	17
19	Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	5
20	Other heart disease	9	27	36
21	Other circulatory disease	5	6	11
22	Influenza	-	1	1
23	Pneumonia	1	6	7
24	Bronchitis	4	8	12
25	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	-	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	3	8	11
33	Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34	All other accidents	2	5	7
35	Suicide	1	-	1
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total All Causes.. ..	59	103	162

Table No. 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES IN THE VARIOUS PARISHES.

	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Poliomyelitis Paralytic	Dysentery	Food Poisoning	TOTAL
BENENDEN ..	-	4	-	2	-	-	-	6
CRANBROOK .. (including Sissinghurst)	3	51	1	1	-	7	-	63
FRITTENDEN ..	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
GOUDHURST .. (including Kilndown)	3	12	-	1	-	-	-	16
HAWKHURST ..	3	36	-	4	1	6	1	51
SANDHURST ..	-	35	-	1	-	3	-	39
TOTAL. ..	10	139	1	9	1	16	1	177

Table No. 3.

SEASONAL INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever ..	-	2	4	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	10
Whooping Cough ..	15	10	-	5	12	31	32	7	3	11	13	-	139
Measles ..	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pneumonia ..	3	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	9
Poliomyelitis Paralytic ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Dysentery ..	2	2	9	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	16
Food Poisoning ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
TOTAL ..	20	14	15	8	14	32	33	8	5	12	14	2	177

AGES, ETC., OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

	TOTAL CASES (all ages)	Under 1 yr.	1-2 yrs.	3-4 yrs.	5-9 yrs.	10-14 yrs.	15-24 yrs.	25 and over	Age not given	Cases admitted to hospital	Deaths (Inhabitants only).
Acute Anterior Poliomyelitis: Paralytic	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Non-paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Encephalitis:											
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-Infectious..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro Spinal Fever (including Meningococcal Meningitis)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	16	-	2	-	9	2	-	3	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning.. ..	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Malaria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pemphigus Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	9	-	3	-	1	1	-	4	-	-	7
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	10	-	1	3	6	-	-	-	-	2	-
Typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough.. ..	139	7	28	23	75	1	2	3	-	-	-
TOTALS.. ..	177	7	34	27	91	4	3	11	-	4	7

TUBERCULOSIS.

In the tables which follow, particulars of new cases of Tuberculosis and deaths from the disease during 1954 appear in Table No. 6; Table No. 7 shows the quarterly statements of cases on the register and in Table No. 8 is shown the summary of cases as at 31st December, 1954.

Table No. 5.

Age Periods	New Cases				Recoveries				Deaths			
	Pul-monary		Non-Pul.		Pul-monary		Non-Pul.		Pul-monary		Non-Pul.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 44 years	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 years	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Age unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS...	7	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER.

	1st Quarter.			2nd Quarter.			3rd Quarter.			4th Quarter.		
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Pulmonary Tuberculosis:												
Number of cases on register	119	71	190	121	72	193	123	74	197	123	74	197
New notifications	3	1	4	3	2	5	-	-	-	1	1	2
Cases removed and subsequently restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Other cases added to register (inward transfers)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	4	5
Cases removed (removed, recovered, died)	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	1
Cases remaining on register..	121	72	193	123	74	197	123	74	197	124	80	204
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis:												
Number of cases on register..	30	32	62	30	32	62	30	33	63	30	33	63
New notifications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed and subsequently restored	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other cases added to register (inward transfers)	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases removed (removed, recovered, died)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cases remaining on register..	30	32	62	30	33	63	30	33	63	30	33	63

Table No. 7.

TUBERCULOSIS.

SUMMARY OF CASES.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary	Total
	Male		Female		
Cases on Register at beginning of year	119	30	71	32	252
Cases added	9	-	9	1	19
Cases removed	4	-	-	-	4
Remaining	124	30	80	33	267

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

Number of children under the age of 15 years on 31st December, 1954, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time before that date (i.e., at any time since 1st January, 1940).

Table No. 8.

Year of Birth	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	TOTAL
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster (1950-1954)	27	28	37	88	123	128	147	207	179	193	169	184	165	139	10	1824
1949 or earlier	49	66	57	62	41	6	9	5	13	10	-	-	-	-	-	318

Number of children resident in the district who were immunised against diphtheria during the year ended 31st December, 1954.

Table No. 9.

Year of Birth	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	TOTAL
Primary Inoculations	10	121	14	2	5	3	13	20	22	18	13	9	3	4	4	261
Re-inforcing Inoculations	-	-	-	-	5	64	27	10	16	11	12	7	2	2	-	156

VACCINATION.

Number of persons who were vaccinated against smallpox, during the year ended 31st December, 1954:-

Table No. 10.

Year of Birth	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941	1940	Before 1940	TOTAL
Primary Vaccination	86	51	4	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	149
Re-Vaccination	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	10	13

NURSING HOMES.

The two Nursing Homes in the district, details of which are given in the following table, were visited periodically by the Medical Officer of Health during 1954.

Table No. 11.

	Number of Homes.	Number of beds provided for:-		
		Maternity	Others	Totals
Homes first registered during the year	-	-	-	-
Homes on the register at the end of the year.	2	-	24	24

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

As in previous years the Kent County Council Ambulance Service served the needs of the district from the Ambulance Station at the Vestry Hall, Cranbrook.

This service is operated by the British Red Cross Society whose members give their services voluntarily on Sundays and weekdays evenings. During the year they have worked over 6,000 voluntary hours, this shows a considerable increase on the 1953 total.

Approximately 1,637 patients were transported during the year.

Another point of interest is the Dressing Station, open during the day, at the Ambulance Station which caters for local people who incur minor accidents.

I am indebted to the Officer in Charge of the station for supplying this information.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS.

During the year I carried out a medical examination in connection with a new appointment.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE DISTRICT.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith report on the work carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors during 1954.

Water Supplies.

Samples have been collected regularly from the mains of the Water Companies supplying this district and were generally reported to be satisfactory. In the case of two small localities some adverse reports were received, caused apparently by a local contamination which was satisfactorily resolved.

The fourth of the main extensions put forward by this Council as desirable postwar extensions, the one to Four Wents, Hawkhurst, was completed during the year.

The proportion of houses with a supply of main water is approximately 94.5%.

Sewerage.

The provision of a new sewage works on the South side, and the enlargement of the Northern works at Hawkhurst, together with new intersecting sewers has been approved by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and the main part of the scheme is to be commenced early in 1955.

Housing.

The tables set out later in the Report give figures of the work carried out.

During the year the Council have erected eleven houses at Court Stile, Cranbrook.

In addition seventeen new houses were built in the district by private builders, one was built by the Police Authority, and one was provided by the conversion of other premises.

Applications for Improvement Grants were agreed in respect of six cottages during the year.

Preliminary consideration was given by the Council to the question of clearance areas and individually unfit houses, and this matter was left over to be dealt with early in 1955.

During the year the condition of nine houses was brought before the Council as being unfit for human habitation and past repair at a reasonable cost, and action by the Council in these cases was pending at the close of the year.

Meat and Food Inspection.

During the year the control by the Ministry of Food over slaughtering was removed, and six slaughterhouses were licensed in the district. Slaughtering is confined almost exclusively to the businesses of the occupiers, and generally the quality of animals slaughtered is excellent. All animals notified as being slaughtered have been inspected.

Milk.

Much of the milk supplied to the area is now delivered to the retailers in bottles as pasteurised or tuberculin tested milk.

Ice Cream.

The premises registered for the sale of ice cream all obtain their supplies from outside the district, and the bulk of the ice cream is now pre-wrapped.

Hop-pickers' Camps.

Throughout the hop-picking season as many inspections as possible were made, and all camps were inspected prior to occupation.

As last year, an Inspector from the Medical Department of the Ministry of Health spent a morning in the area and was taken to five camps of varying sizes.

Picking generally started a week later than usual this year, and at many farms continued well into October. There appeared to be a general shortage of pickers and at most encampments it appeared that a proportion of the huts were empty.

The clearing up of the encampments before the arrival of pickers was generally satisfactory, and the maintenance of the camps was fairly good in most cases; undoubtedly, most farmers do their best to keep the sanitary conditions as satisfactory as possible in difficult circumstances.

Three further hop-picking machines were in use this year, making five in all in the district. These machines appear

to function most satisfactorily, and with the increasing difficulty of obtaining enough pickers it appears to be only a matter of time before the bulk of the hops in the district will be picked by machine.

Clean Food.

Routine inspections have been carried out of premises where food is prepared, and conditions are generally satisfactory.

I would like to express my appreciation of the support given at all times by Members of the Council and yourself.

G. LONGLEY,

Surveyor and Chief Sanitary Inspector.

Table No. 12.

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES A GENERAL SUMMARY OF THE WORK CARRIED OUT BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS DURING THE YEAR 1954:-

	Number.
Visits to Bakehouses	22
" " Butchers' Shops	39
" " Dairies	20
" " Ice Cream premises	39
" " Licensed premises	26
" " Restaurants and Kitchens	92
" " Slaughterhouses	233
" " Theatres, Cinemas, etc.	6
" " other food premises..	48
Visits to Baths	8
" " Moveable dwellings	109
" " Factories	133
" " Stables..	Nil
" " Streams..	5
" " Verminous premises	12
" " Workplaces	3
Visits re Infectious Diseases..	33
" " Insects and various pests..	9
" " keeping of animals	2
" " offensive trades	10
" " overcrowding	5
" " Rat/Mice infestation	83
" " Shops Acts	15
" " Smoke Nuisance.	20
" " Water supply	42
" " Hop-pickers' camps	312
Houses disinfected	12
" disinfested	11
Smoke tests to drains	2
Water tests to drains	69
Informal notices served on houses	122
Houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action..	139
Formal notices served re houses	3
" " complied with by owner	3
" " " " " occupier	Nil
" " " " " Local Authority in default	Nil

Table No. 13.

CLEARANCE AREAS AND INDIVIDUAL UNFIT HOUSES.

	No. of dwellings demolished.	No. of persons displaced.
Clearance Areas (Housing Act, 1936)	-	-

.....

DEMOLITION AND CLOSING ORDERS.

	Number of Houses	Number of Persons displaced.
Housing Act, 1936.		
Houses demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 11 ..	-	-
Houses closed in pursuance of an undertaking given by the owners under Section 11, and still in force	1	2
Parts of buildings closed	-	-
Housing Act, 1949.		
Closing Orders under Section 3(1)	-	-
Demolition Orders determined and Closing Orders substituted under Section 3(2) ..	-	-
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953.		
Closing Orders made under Section 10(1) ..	-	-

REPAIRS.

Informal Action.

Number of houses rendered fit during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Public Health or Housing Acts	139

Action under Statutory Powers.

Public Health Acts.	
Number of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	2
(b) by local authority in default of owners	-
Housing Act, 1936.	
Number of houses made fit after service of formal notices	
(a) by owners	-
(b) by local authority in default of owners	-

Table No. 14.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food Premises.

The total number of food premises in the area, set out by types of premises is given below:-

Bakehouses	12
Ice Cream (manufacturers) ..	-
Ice Cream (Storage/Sale) ..	45
Dairies	9
Butchers	14
Sausage Manufacturers. ..	14
Restaurants and cafés. ..	21
Grocers	32
Confectioners	20
Greengrocers	6
Fish Shops	3
	176
Number of visits to food premises (other than slaughterhouses)	240

Educational Activity on Food Hygiene.

No lectures on food hygiene have been held for food handlers. Inspections are carried out by the Sanitary Inspectors and the general standard of cleanliness is reasonable.

Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

The number of premises registered under Section 14 of the Act is as follows:-

Premises used for sausage making	14
" " " manufacture of ice cream..	-
" " " sale and storage of ice cream	45
Number of inspections of these premises ..	78

Milk Supply.

Licences in force at the end of the year:-

Pasteurisers' Licences		-
Dealers' Licences:	Pasteurised Milk	9
	Sterilised	7
	Tuberculin Tested	11
	T.T. (pasteurised)	-
Supplementary Licences:	Pasteurised	1
	Sterilised	-
	Tuberculin Tested	1

Number of Distributors of Milk in the District:-

(a) with premises inside the District	11
(b) with premises outside the District	1

Number of Dairies in the District (excluding farms) .. 6

Number of shops selling bottled milk .. 7

Eighteen samples of designated milk were submitted to the bacteriologist for examination, and two were found to be unsatisfactory.

Five samples were sent for biological test, and in all cases the results were negative.

Meat and Other Foods.

Unsound food surrendered by retail and wholesale stores:-

	C.	Q.	lbs.
Tinned goods	1.	2.	20
Meat	14.	3.	3
	16.	1.	23

Disposal of Condemned Foods.

Normally only small quantities of food are condemned at one time and these are treated appropriately and disposed of under supervision at refuse tips. Arrangements are made for larger quantities of condemned meat to be disposed of to glue manufacturers.

Samples of food and drugs examined by the Public Analyst.. .. Nil.

Slaughterhouses.

TABLE OF CARCASES INSPECTED AND FOUND UNFIT.

	Cattle, excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	152	13	18	184	301
Number inspected	152	13	18	184	301
All diseases except Tuberculosis:-					
Whole carcases found unfit	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit..	4	1	-	6	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis..	2·6%	7·7%	-	3·6%	1·3%
Tuberculosis only:-					
Whole carcases found unfit	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was found unfit	5	6	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis..	3·9%	46·1%	-	-	-

Ice Cream.

Registration of Premises:

Total number of registered premises:-

For manufacture	-
For storage and sale. ..	45

Number of premises registered during the year:-

For manufacture	-
For storage and sale. ..	4

Five samples of ice cream were collected and of these four were classified as Grade I, and one in Grade 2. None were classified in Grade 3 or 4.

Water Supplies.

Bacteriological Samples.

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory.
Samples of main water	23	5
Samples of waters other than mains	4	4

Chemical Samples.

Samples of main water	1	-
Samples of waters other than mains	-	-

Table No. 15.

DESTRUCTION OF RATS AND MICE.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The following are particulars of the inspections made and work carried out by the Rodent Operator:-

	Rats	Mice
Number of complaints received ..	27	6
" " premises infested.. ..	259	6
" " infestations found as a result of routine enquiries	196	-
Number of premises disinfested:-		
(a) Dwellings and schools.. ..	234	3
(b) Council properties (Sewage Works, refuse tips, etc.)..	15	-
(c) Food premises	2	1
(d) Other premises	8	2
Total number of visits	512	19

Table No. 16.

ERADICATION OF INSECT PESTS.

Details of the work of eradicating insect pests, carried out during the year by the Rodent Operator, under the supervision of the Sanitary Inspectors are as follows:-

	Number
Fleas:	
Premises disinfested	6
Visits	7
Bugs:	
Premises disinfested	Nil
Visits	Nil
Beetles:	
Premises disinfested	Nil
Visits	Nil

Table No. 17.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 AND 1948.

1. Inspections.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	25	37	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	63	41	2	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	40	55	-	-
Total ..	128	133	2	-

2. Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	9	9	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -					
(a) Insufficient ..	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective ..	2	2	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total ..	11	11	-	-	-